

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Ruth Courtney of Camden Point, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on August 26, 2007, at Camden Point Baptist Church; and

**Whereas**, on August 30, 1907, in Grayson, God brought a special gift to Frank and Blanche Thomas Blakely with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Ruth, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Ruth Courtney will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Harold Courtney (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, Ruth Courtney has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include four children, Robert Lee Courtney, Larry Ray Courtney, Shirley Ann Hill, and the late Linda Sollars; seven grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Ruth Courtney has further distinguished herself by winning a beauty contest at the age of twenty; working in her garden until the age of ninety-three; being the oldest living member of Camden Point Baptist Church; and living independently in her own home; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 100, Ruth Courtney is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Ruth Courtney at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Ruth Courtney, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jason Brown  
District No. 30

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker